

## Letter from Steve Smith Chair of Governors April 2021

This year has been the most difficult year in the history of Kincaig Primary School. Covid-19 has seen many changes within the school day and the challenges faced by us all. We have endured lockdowns, school closures and changes to the way we teach, risk assessment overload, social distancing and not forgetting face masks!

Our teachers, pupils and parents have had to get used to remote learning using the Seesaw learning Platform, which has proved highly successful. As this is a live system it has enabled teachers to post lessons in the morning and pupils can go online anytime in the day to access videos and work. Work can be marked and commented on by the teacher instantly and new work set.

The school has engaged well with pupils, parents and carers through modern technology. Teachers have been in contact with everyone on a daily basis via Seesaw or phone. Facebook has been a great success as parents can see daily activities and message school. We even held parents evening via Zoom and telephone conversations so parents did not miss out.

Our pupils are in bubbles in classes and all staff have appropriate PPE. Lunches are in the classrooms due to the bubble system. We have been very lucky that the design of our school allows all classes outside access through the doors in the classrooms and this also aids ventilation without the need for using the main corridors.

Our pupils have been amazing during lockdown and on return to school have been so enthusiastic to be back. Kincaig has a catch-up intervention plan in place to make sure no pupil falls significantly behind as a result of Covid19 and its undoubted impact on education.

On behalf of myself and the governors I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the teachers and staff for their amazing hard work and commitment during this time. Particularly the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher who have strategically co-ordinated and managed the whole COVID19 plan and shouldered the stress and responsibility of it all. A big thank you to all parents and carers for all your continued support...you have been fantastic, as always.

It is also great to see that teachers can now have a lateral flow covid test twice a week to help stop the spread of the virus. Let's hope that due to vaccinations and the falling death rate that school will stay open and get back to normal as soon as possible.

Steve Smith

Chair of Governors